

# **Master Angler Awards**

Patches are awarded to all entries meeting established minimum weights, or, in the case of Catch and Release, minimum lengths. However, no more than one patch per species will be awarded to each angler per year. Master Angler Certificates are awarded to anglers who catch State Record fish or one of the top 5 fish of each species in both the Catch and Keep and Catch and Release category.

To enter the Master Angler Program, complete an application form and send it to: Fisheries Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Box 30446, Lansing MI 48909. This information is required under the Authority of Part 487 of 1994 P.A. 451, as amended.

Applications are available at all locations and on our Web site. The deadline for submitting an entry is Jan. 10, 2009. Be sure to include a photo of your fish if it has not already been identified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

Minimum Entry Lengths/Weights and Current State Records

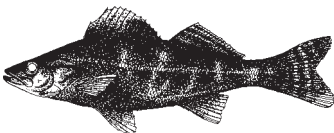
Catch and Release Entries must meet minimum length

Catch and Keep Entries must meet minimum weight

Species	Minimum Entry Length (inches)	Minimum Entry Weight (lbs. -oz.)	Current State Record (lbs.-oz.)
American Eel	32"	3-0	7-7
Bass, Largemouth	22"	6-0	11-15
Bass, Rock	11"	1-0	3-10
Bass, Smallmouth	21"	5-0	9-4
Bass, Warmouth	9"	1-0	1-6
Bass, White	16"	2-0	6-7
Bluegill	10"	1-0	2-12
Buffalo, Big Mouth	32"	20-0	----
Buffalo, Black	26"	10-0	33-4
Bullhead, Black	14"	1-4	3-7
Bullhead, Brown	14"	1-8	3-10
Bullhead, Yellow	14"	1-8	3-9.6
Bowfin	27"	7-0	14-0
Burbot	26"	5-0	18-4
Carp	30"	20-0	61-8
			45-0
Carpsucker	19"	3-0	8-0
Catfish, Channel	27"	8-0	40-0
Catfish, Flathead	29"	10-0	47-8
Crappie, Black	14"	1-12	4-2
Crappie, White	14"	1-12	3-6
Freshwater Drum	21"	7-0	26-0
Gizzard Shad	16"	1-8	4-2
Lake Herring	16"	2-8	5-6
Lake Sturgeon	50"	70-0	193-0
Longnose Gar	32"	5-0	18-0
Musky, Great Lks.	42"	20-0	48-0
Musky, Northern	42"	20-0	49-12
Musky, Tiger	42"	20-0	51-3
Northern Pike	40"	18-0	39-0
Perch, White	10"	0-8	1-14
Perch, Yellow	14"	1-13	3-12
Salmon, Atlantic	33"	12-0	32-10
Salmon, Chinook	41"	27-0	46-1
Salmon, Coho	32"	12-0	30-9
Salmon, Pink	21"	3-0	8-9
Smelt	10"	None	12"
Splake	25"	6-0	17-8
Sucker, Longnose	17"	2-0	6-14
Sucker, N. Hog	13"	1-8	2-8
Sucker, Redhorse	22"	4-0	12-14.2
Sucker, White	20"	3-0	7-3
Sunfish, Green	9"	0-12	1-8
Sunfish, P.Seed	9"	0-12	1-5.6
Sunfish, Redear	10"	1-0	1-15.5
Trout, Brook	17"	2-0	9-8
Trout, Brown	33"	16-0	36-13
Trout, Lake	34"	18-0	61-8
Trout, Rainbow			
(Steelhead)	34"	17-0	26-8
Walleye	29"	11-0	17-3
Whitefish, Lake	23"	6-0	14-4.5
Menominee	15"	1-0	4-0

Length Measurement Directions: Measure fish from tip of nose (or lower jaw) to tip of tail in a straight line (DO NOT measure in a curve around the body from nose to tail). Measure to the closest 1/8th inch. Tail and jaw should be pinched together.

Pinch mouth closed



Pinch tail to form a point